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Applicant: Stanley J. Flashinski  
Serial No.: 10/828,365  
Filed: April 20, 2004  
Title: MULTI-STAGE DISPENSING MAT  
Art Unit: 3742  
Examiner: Sang Yeop Paik

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Amendment

In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2005 in the above described case, Applicants hereby submit the following amendment and remarks:

1. Pages 2-6 of this document contain the claims as proposed to be amended hereby.
3. Pages 7-8 contain remarks describing the nature of the amendment.

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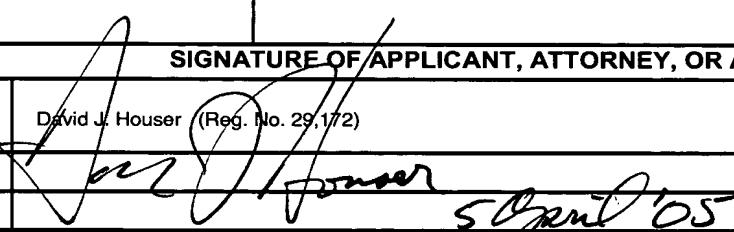
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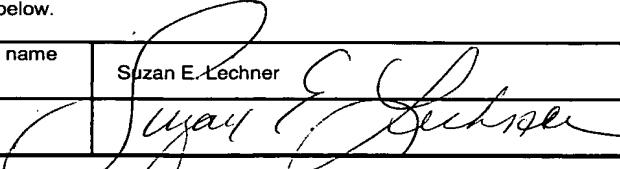
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## FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Application Type | FILING FEES |              | SEARCH FEES |              | EXAMINATION FEES |              | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity |                |
| Utility          | 300         | 150          | 500         | 250          | 200              | 100          |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100          | 100         | 50           | 130              | 65           |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100          | 300         | 150          | 160              | 80           |                |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150          | 500         | 250          | 600              | 300          |                |
| Provisional      | 200         | 100          | 0           | 0            | 0                | 0            |                |

#### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

##### Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

##### Small Entity

Fee (\$)

Fee (\$)

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

##### Total Claims

##### Extra Claims

##### Fee (\$)

##### Fee Paid (\$)

##### Multiple Dependent Claims

##### Fee (\$)

##### Fee Paid (\$)

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##### Indep. Claims

##### Extra Claims

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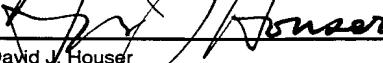
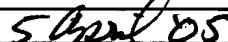
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